

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the claims of the application as follows:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-6 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method of cutting tissue in a body passage comprising selecting a catheter having a first lumen configured for receiving a wire guide, a second lumen configured for receiving an electrosurgical cutting wire, positioning said catheter in said passage at a desired position using an endoscope, actuating the electrosurgical cutting wire in the second lumen, the improvement comprising:

orientating said electrosurgical cutting wire by rotating a handle relative to a proximal end of said catheter, said electrosurgical cutting wire also orientating a distal portion of said catheter.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7 wherein said cutting wire is affixed to said handle, wherein said step of rotating said handle causes a rotation of a proximal end of said cutting wire whereby said cutting wire is caused to rotate within said second lumen.

Claim 9 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 7 further comprising:
inhibiting further rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter by engaging a rotation lock.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:
indicating an amount of rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter through the use of a rotation indicator.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein said step of indicating an amount of rotation includes a visual indication of said amount of rotation.

Claim 13-14 (Previously cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently amended): A catheter handle comprising:
a rotatable coupling configured to allow free rotation of a proximal end of a catheter; ~~and~~
a clamping member configured to engage a proximal end of a device extending through a lumen formed in said catheter whereby rotation of said handle causes rotation of a proximal end of said device in said lumen, and

said rotation of a proximal end of said device causes orientation of a distal end of said catheter.

Claim 16 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 15, wherein said device comprises a cutting wire extending from said proximal end of said catheter to and connecting to a distal end of said catheter.

Claim 17 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 15, further comprising:
a rotation lock engageable to inhibit a rotation of said handle with respect to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 18 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 15, further comprising:
a rotation indicator configured to indicate an amount of rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 19 (Original): The catheter handle of claim 18, wherein said rotation indicator comprises a visual indicator of said amount of rotation.

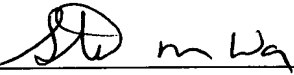
Claim 20-21 (Previously cancelled)

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claims 7 and 15. Applicants request entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment prior to examination. Applicants believe that claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are in condition for allowance and Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

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